Amendments to the Claims:

Please add new dependent claims 4-6, and amend claims 1-3 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a medicament into <u>a</u> the body of a patient by injection into or through a the skin surface of said [[a]] patient, comprising:

a housing having a bottom surface adapted to contact <u>a</u> the skin <u>surface</u> of a patient, a needle aperture on said bottom surface, and a top surface;

an injection needle adapted for penetration of <u>said skin surface</u> tissue and for movement through <u>said</u> the needle aperture;

a reservoir, disposed within said housing, said reservoir in fluid communication with said to the injection needle; and

a pressurization system for pressurizing the reservoir;

a <u>safety</u> shielding member adapted for movement away from <u>said</u> the bottom surface <u>of said housing</u>, <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member having a covering portion disposed about <u>said</u> the needle aperture, and at least one <u>shield</u> stanchion protruding from <u>said</u> the covering portion, <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member having a first position wherein <u>said shield</u> the stanchion of <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member is initially disposed within <u>said</u> the housing and <u>said</u> the covering portion is substantially co-planar with <u>said</u> the bottom surface of <u>said</u> the housing, and a second position wherein <u>said shield</u> the stanchion of <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member is <u>at least</u> partially withdrawn from <u>said</u> the housing and the covering portion at least partially covers <u>said injection</u> the needle;

a <u>spring</u> biasing element <u>configured</u> disposed within the housing adapted to contact the shielding member and bias <u>said</u> shield and covering portion of said safety the shielding member toward said towards the second position of the shielding member; and

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a movable <u>door</u> interposer having a first position, which prevents movement of <u>said</u> <u>safety</u> the shielding member, and a second position, which allows movement of <u>said safety</u> the shielding member;

wherein when <u>said</u> the device is placed upon <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u> of <u>said</u> the patient and activated, <u>said</u> door is released and free to move the interposer is moved from <u>said</u> [[a]] first position to <u>said</u> [[a]] second position and <u>said spring</u> the biasing element is <u>free to urge said safety</u> allowed to bias the shielding member into <u>said</u> the second position, <u>whereby</u>, thereby, as <u>said</u> the device is removed from <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u>, <u>said shield of said safety</u> the member emerges from <u>said</u> the housing and at least partially covers <u>said injection</u> the needle.

2. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a medicament into <u>a</u> the body of a patient by injection into or through <u>a</u> the skin <u>surface</u> of a patient, comprising:

a housing having a bottom surface adapted to contact <u>a</u> the skin <u>surface</u> of a patient, a needle aperture on said bottom surface, and a top surface;

an injection needle adapted for penetration of <u>said skin surface</u> tissue and for movement through <u>said</u> the needle aperture;

a reservoir, disposed within said housing, said reservoir in fluid communication with said to the injection needle; and

a pressurization system for pressurizing the reservoir; and

a <u>safety</u> shielding member adapted for movement substantially perpendicular to <u>said</u> the bottom surface <u>of said housing</u>, <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member having a skin contacting portion disposed about <u>said</u> the needle aperture and is substantially covered with adhesive, and at least one <u>shield stanchion</u> protruding from <u>said</u> the skin contacting portion, <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member having a first position wherein <u>said shield</u> the <u>stanchion</u> of <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member is initially disposed within <u>said</u> the housing and <u>said</u> the skin contacting portion is substantially co-planar with <u>said</u> the bottom surface of <u>said</u> the housing, and a second position wherein <u>said shield</u> the <u>stanchion</u> of <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member is <u>at least</u> partially withdrawn from <u>said</u> the housing and <u>said safety</u> the <u>shielding</u> member at least partially covers <u>said injection</u> the needle;

wherein when <u>said</u> the device is placed upon <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u> of <u>said</u> the patient, <u>said</u> the skin contacting portion of <u>said</u> safety the <u>shielding</u> member is temporarily adhered to <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u> and when <u>said</u> the device is removed from <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u>, <u>said</u> the adhesion of <u>said</u> safety the <u>shielding</u> member to <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u> is sufficient to move <u>said</u> safety the <u>shielding</u> member from <u>said</u> the first position to <u>said</u> the second position.

3. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a medicament into \underline{a} the body of a patient by injection into or through \underline{a} the skin surface of a patient, comprising:

a housing having a bottom surface, a needle aperture on said bottom surface, and a top surface;

an injection needle adapted for penetration of <u>said skin surface</u> tissue and for movement through <u>said</u> the needle aperture;

a reservoir, disposed within said housing, said reservoir in fluid communication with said to the injection needle; and

a pressurization system for pressurizing the reservoir; and

a <u>safety</u> shielding member adapted for rotational movement along an arcuate path relative substantially perpendicular to <u>said</u> the bottom surface of <u>said</u> housing, <u>said</u> safety the shielding member having a skin contacting portion disposed about <u>said</u> the needle aperture and is substantially covered with adhesive, and a pivot, <u>said</u> safety the shielding member having a first position wherein <u>said</u> safety shielding member is <u>secured</u> against said bottom <u>surface</u> and substantially co-planar with <u>said</u> the bottom surface of <u>said</u> the housing, and a second position wherein <u>said</u> safety the shielding member is <u>released</u> and rotated about <u>said</u> the pivot and <u>said</u> safety the shielding member at least partially covers <u>said</u> injection the needle;

wherein when <u>said</u> the device is placed upon <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u> of <u>said</u> the patient, <u>said</u> the skin contacting portion of <u>said</u> safety the <u>shielding</u> member is temporarily adhered to <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u> and when <u>said</u> the device is removed from <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u>, <u>said</u> the adhesion of <u>said</u> safety the <u>shielding</u> member to <u>said</u> the skin <u>surface</u> is sufficient to rotate

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<u>said safety</u> the shielding member about <u>said</u> the pivot from <u>said</u> the first position to <u>said</u> the second position.

- 4. (New) The device as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a pressurization system for pressurizing said reservoir.
- 5. (New) The device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a pressurization system for pressurizing said reservoir.
- 6. (New) The device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a pressurization system for pressurizing said reservoir.